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Imagine That!

The University of Montana - Missoula

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Program Notes

UM HISTORIAN DISCUSSES MEMORIES OF WAR

(Imagine That! West - airs Sunday, June 25, at 9 p.m. on KUFM/KGPR and Monday, June 26, at 7:33 a.m. on KEMC and at 6:28 p.m. on KGLT.)

MISSOULA --

Memories of war have a profound impact on relationships between the United States and East Asia -- Japan, China, Korea and Vietnam. Although economic competition has largely replaced military confrontation, University of Montana historian Phil West notes that American and Asian views of each other are still refracted through prisms of wartime history and memory.

West, acting director of UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, discusses the human dimensions of war on the next episode of *Imagine That!* The program will air at 9 p.m. Sunday, June 25, on Montana Public Radio KUFM/KGPR, immediately following the St. Louis Symphony.

"The patriotic fervor that was real on both sides actually is a very distorted representation, not only as to how people feel about it today but actually as to how they felt about it at the time, West says. "I think the historian has a responsibility in our attempt to get it right."

West has organized a summer institute to explore how war is remembered by people of varied cultures, ages and background. The institute, funded by a grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities, continues through July 30 on UM's Missoula campus.

Imagine That! is produced as a joint venture between The University of Montana-Missoula and Montana State University-Bozeman. The program also airs Monday, June 26, at 7:33 a.m. on KEMC and at 6:28 p.m. on KGLT. For more information, call Kristin Rodine at UM, (406) 243-4890, or Annette Trinity-Stevens at MSU, (406) 994-5607.

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